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SUBJECT: REPRESENTATIVES OF PALESTINE REJECTION FRONT IN BAGHDAD

1. DELEGATION REPRESENTING SO-CALLED PALESTINE REJECTION FRONT VISITED BAGHDAD JANUARY 13-16 AT INVITATION OF PALESTINE OFFICE OF NATIONAL LEADERSHIP OF BAATH PARTY.

DEL HEADED BY COMRADE TALAT TAWFIQ AND INCLUDED ABU AHMED, ABU REYADH AND ABU MAHMOUD FAISAL. ALF, PFLP, PFLP-GC AND PSF REPORTEDLY REPRESENTED BY ABOVE INDIVISUALS. PRINCIPAL IRAQI PARTICIPANTS IN DISCUSSIONS WERE MEMBERS OF NATIONAL LEADERSHIP SHIBLY AL-AYSAMI AND ALI GHANNAM. NEITHER ABU NIDHAL NOR HIS PLO POLITICAL COMMITTEE MENTIONED AS HAVING PARTICIPATED IN MEETINGS.

2. PRINCIPAL PRESS STATEMENT EXPRESSED "PREPAREDNESS OF BAATH PARTY TO RENDER ALL NECESSARY SUPPORT FOR ENSURING CONTINUITY OF PALESTINE REVOLUTION AND BOLSTERING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ITS PROGRESS TOWARD LIBERATING PALESTINE SOIL IN FULL".

TWO SIDES AGREED ON FOLLOWING POINTS: (A) STRUGGLE AGAINST IMPERIALIST LIQUIDATIONIST FORMULAS; (B) STRENGTHENING OF RELATIONS BETWEEN ARAB REJECTION FRONT AND INTERNATIONAL ALLIES; AND (C) CONDEMNATION OFIRANIAN AGGRESSION AGAINST IRAQ AND IN GULF.

3. COMMENT: GOI DID NOT ASSOCIATE ITSELF WITH REJECTION FRONT VISIT. UNLIKE MOST PAST VISITS, PALESTINIANS DID NOT MEET PUBLICLY WITH ANY OFFICIALS OF GOVERMENT NOR REGIONAL LEADERSHIP OF BAATH PARTY. VISIT DID NOT RECEIVE USUAL HEAVY MEDIA COVERAGE. PUBLICLY, THEREFORE, GOI REMAINS COMMITTED TO PLO AND ITS OWN VERSION OF RABAT DECISIONS, BUT IT IS UNWILLING AT THIS STAGE (OR UNABLE TO FOR INTERNAL REASONS) TO SEVER ITS TIES TO REJECTION FRONT. LOWRIE

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